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The Honorable Max Baucus
Chairman, Committee on Finance
United States Senate
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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on Finance
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Baucus and Senator Grassley:

On behalf of Suzlon Wind Energy Co. ("Suzlon"), we are writing to express our support for S. 2087 and S. 2088, temporary duty suspension requests for imports of capacitor panels and power panels used in wind turbines. This duty suspension on power and capacitor panels will benefit Suzlon by reducing the costs associated with plans to erect wind turbines in the United States and increase the use of "green" energy.

Suzlon, headquartered in Chicago, IL, is a U.S. manufacturer of wind turbine blades and one of the largest suppliers of wind turbine generators in the United States. Suzlon has supplied wind turbine generators for wind farms operated by Edison Mission Group, Horizon Energy, Duke Wind Energy, and Iberdrola Renewables. Suzlon's wind turbines have been erected in Texas, Minnesota, Oregon, Oklahoma, and Iowa.

Because of their large size, wind turbine generators are generally erected at the site of the wind farm. S. 2087 covers **power panels** that are specifically designed for wind turbine generators in excess of 2MW. These panels are designed to transfer electric power to and from a utility power grid at 2100 kW at 600 volts with a nominal full load of 2190 Amps. The panel also monitors the turbine's minimum wind speed, yaw position, and blade pitch angle. S. 2088 covers **capacitor panels** that are specifically designed for wind turbine generators in excess of 2MW. These panels are specifically designed to optimize the power factor of the asynchronous induction generator in a wind turbine.

These panels both fall into the same tariff category, 8537.10.90.50. This category is a broad "other" category that covers many different kinds of electrical control boards and panels. As described above, the capacitor panel and the power panel perform entirely different functions. Suzlon must import these panels because there is no known domestic producer of these products.

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The Obama Administration has committed to increasing sources of renewable energy and to creating new "green" jobs. The American Recovery and Investment Act included billions of dollars to strengthen clean energy industries and to help restore America's place at the forefront of the 21st century global economy. Eliminating the tariff on key components of wind turbine generators will contribute to achieving the Administration's goals of both more clean energy and more green jobs. Wind power represents one of the leading sources of renewable, clean energy. In the U.S., Minnesota and Iowa both get over 7% of their electricity from wind energy. These examples show that high penetrations of wind power can be a valuable part of a utility generation mix that supplies reliable electrical service to consumers without interruption.

Suzlon anticipates that the temporary duty suspension would have only a *de minimis* impact on federal revenue through the end of Fiscal Year 2011. We are aware of no domestic producer of a like product, and are aware of no one who might be harmed by the temporary duty suspension. To the contrary, domestic producers and employers would be *helped* by enactment of the bill as it promotes low-cost sources of clean energy for all manufacturers.

Because of its anticipated domestic benefits, its likely *de minimis* impact on federal revenue, and the absence of domestic producers of a like product that might be harmed by its enactment, a temporary duty suspension on power panels and capacitor panels through December 2011 is not only non-controversial but also a beneficial to U.S. manufacturing and supports the Administration's efforts to promote clean, renewable sources of energy.

Suzlon greatly appreciates your consideration of these two bills and your efforts to pass a Miscellaneous Tariff Bill as soon as possible. For additional information on S. 2087 and S. 2088, please contact the undersigned or Gary Kowaleski at Suzlon Wind Energy Corp. (773) 467-7158 or gary.kowaleski@suzlon.com.

Sincerely,



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